



**U.S. Embassy Dakar
Consular**

**Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
Possible Demonstrations in Dakar October 22 and beyond**

October 22, 2012

The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens in Senegal that demonstrations are underway and may occur at other times throughout the week. As noted last Friday, supporters of a well-known religious leader who is in police custody protested against his relocation to a prison in the downtown Dakar area. Today, several groups have been observed gathering around the Sandaga market and there is the potential for demonstrations to occur near the prison and in other areas around the Plateau region of Dakar. Police have mobilized and are pre-staged in areas where demonstrations are anticipated.

Given the uncertainty of the potential for violence and exactly when and how large demonstrations may be, U.S. citizens are urged to exercise caution if traveling in the Dakar area on October 22 and during the week. Stay tuned to media reports, maintain situational awareness, consider alternate travel routes in case of blockage and avoid demonstrations should you come upon them.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Dakar](#) website . You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warning, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). If you don't have internet access, you can get current information on safety and security by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to consulardakar@state.gov. The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 829-2100. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-829-2209 and ask to speak to the duty officer.